

**MINUTES OF THE
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 11, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on May 11, 2016 at the Somers Bay Café.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.. Present were Don Peters, Bob Foley, Tanya Turner and Mark Manning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Don moved. Tanya second.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2016 meeting, with correction above.

All Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no one present.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Kurfess letter requesting de-annexation. This item was approved at last month's meeting. Rita will mail the actual letter written and signed by the Kurfess' to the Flathead County.

Bob moved. Mark second.

RESOLVED to De-Annex the part of the land that we had annexed recently in order for them to get started.

All Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Shari Johnson--update on School Add. Rd Water Main. Shari reported that she had been working on the School Addition Extension and Summit Avenue Replacement for funding. She found out that without a income survey done on the current Somers Water/Sewer District we will not qualify for the loan forgiveness program. Shari reported that the state census includes half way to Lakeside and half way to Kalispell, therefore, includes many houses on Flathead Lake, increasing our median income to \$51,000. The target rate for water and sewer would be required to be raised to \$100 per month. If we did an income survey we would need to get someone to mail surveys and knock on doors trying to get their annual income. With or without the 50% forgiveness of loan the interest remains at 2.5%. For every \$100,000 we borrow would cause an increase of \$2.00 per month on the customers water bill.

Shari had talked with Andy and he feels that the Somers Road area from Battle Hollow to Summit Avenue and the Summit Avenue replacement main should be of top concern.

After considerable discussion the board agreed to go forward with the Somers Road Project and Summit Avenue project. Bidding would be let on the project with a spring and fall bid.

The School Addition Project will be tabled as will the application for funding, we will use our reserves to complete the two projects as mentioned above.

B. Verizon Wireless--Update. Rita received the lease for the Verizon wireless contract as she was walking out her door tonight. It was agreed that Rich should look over the contract to be sure everything is as agreed.

C. Status of Water Tank Land. Rita reported that Rich is waiting on BNSF for final papers. Rita reported that BNSF was wanting \$50,000 per square foot, however, after the meeting, realized that she misunderstood and they have mentioned \$50,000 total for the land.

D. Liability Agreement with Lakeside ref: to their vehicle. Rich continues to work on this agreement to be sent to Lakeside shortly for their approval.

E. Purchase for Community Building. To the best of our knowledge, the chairs have not been purchased, however, Ruth has talked to the community group and someone will be contacting Tanya concerning this purchase.

SECRETARY/MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Financial Statements. Rita presented the financial statements for month ending April 30, 2016.

B. Bills. The Unpaid Bills report was presented.

Mark moved. Tanya second.

RESOLVED to approve the bills as presented totaling \$17,731.71.

All Aye.

C. Correspondence. No correspondence other than what has been discussed earlier in the meeting.

D. Delinquents. Delinquent list was presented. Rita will pick up mail on 5/17/16 and send Cody to turn off the water.

E. Manager's Report. The Manager's Report is attached to these minutes.

Being no further business.

Bob moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m..

Minutes approved at the June 8, 2016 meeting: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary